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LOUISIANA ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY ACCREDITATION PROGRAM (LELAP) UPDATE AND NEWS

LELAP OUTREACH UPDATE— The LELAP Outreach classes will be launched in the fall of 2012. The dates of the classes will be announced later. Suggestions for the curriculum are welcome.

LELAP REGULATIONS WORK GROUP UPDATE— The LELAP Regulations Work Group has made good progress in updating the regulations. Thanks to all who participated. If you have any suggestions for the workgroup, please contact Lourdes Iturralde at (225)219-3241, or email at lourdes.iturralde@la.gov or Chris Mayeux at (225)219-0789, or email at chris.mayeux@la.gov.

PARTIAL WAIVER OF DMR QA — LDEQ has received an approval [letter](#) from EPA Region 6 for a partial waiver of the DMR QA requirement.

LELAP INTERPRETATIONS— Please see the [LELAP Interpretations](#) on our webpage.

MINOR REVISION FOR LABORATORY PROCEDURES FOR ANALYSIS OF EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION WASTE — Please read [the revision](#) to the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources 29B Methods Manual which are shown in **red**.

LDEQ MONTHLY REGULATION CHANGES NOTIFICATION— LDEQ will provide electronic notification to the subscribers when LDEQ has submitted monthly regulation changes (proposed, final, potpourri, and emergency) to the Louisiana Register for publication. This electronic notification is provided as a courtesy service and not as legal notification. Anyone who is interested in subscribing may click this [link](#).

OTHER BUSINESS:

METHOD UPDATE RULE — According to Lemuel Walker of EPA Region 6, the (2010 Proposed Methods Update Rule) final rule will be published by January 2012. You may read the updated methods from the [EPA webpage](#).

TNI VOTING — The NELAC Institute has opened balloting for six TNI Voting Draft Standards, and is encouraging all members to cast a ballot. The Standards balloting will occur from January 12 through February 11, 2012. In order to vote, you must log in to the [Members Only area](#) of the website and then click on **VOTING DRAFT STANDARDS BALLOT**.

CLARIFICATION OF ACCREDITATION ISSUES

PT FREQUENCY — Although the laboratory needs to perform 2 PTs annually to meet the accreditation requirement, any laboratory may choose to analyze PT samples more frequently if the laboratory wants to ensure their analytical system is working properly.

LELAP STATISTICS: In-state accredited labs— 52
Out-of-state accredited labs — 154

PLEASE CONTACT THE LELAP STAFF IF YOUR LABORATORY NEEDS ANY ASSISTANCE. [CLICK HERE](#) TO OBTAIN THE LELAP CONTACT INFORMATION

We solicit your questions, comments, problems, and/or recommendations for this newsletter. Please send them to LabAccreditationProgram@la.gov or call 225-219-3247.



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